

Decimal Commemoratives (Large Format) - the First Five Years.

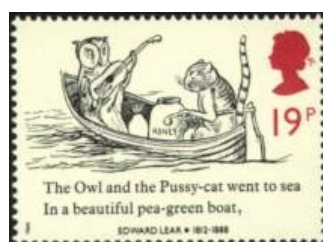
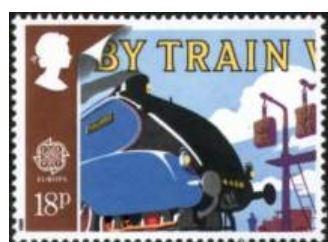
The issue of G.B. commemoratives continued apace after decimalization on 15th February 1971. However, the use of Perfins by both commercial companies and public bodies was rapidly decreasing, resulting in less and less Perfins to be found on any issue, let alone the infrequently used commemoratives.

As at *1st January 2019* only **208** different Perfin dies are known on the *large format* QEII decimal commemoratives. Note that dedicated listings have been produced for the *150th Anniversary of the 1d Black*, and the *2000 Millennium* stamp, the rest can be found here.

It's true to say that most decimal commemorative sets have not yet been reported with a Perfin, and those that have usually involve isolated examples. Brief details of the Perfins involved appear in a table underneath the illustrations.



The most prolific user of decimal commemoratives was the *County Borough of South Shields* who perforated postage stamps on a hand machine kept in the Borough Treasurer's department. The machine was fitted with a **2x2** multiheaded die with the initials "S.S/C" (S6490.01M), so two patterns will usually be seen on large format stamps.



No less than *fifty-two* different decimal commemorative stamps are known with "S.S/C", the latest being the 18p 'By Train' from the 'Transport and Mail Services in the 1930's' issue (10th May 1988), the 19p 'The Owl and the Pussy-cat' from the 'Death Centenary of Edward Lear' issue (6th September 1988), and the 22p 'Michael Faraday' from the 'Scientific Achievements' issue (5th March 1991). The Corporation ceased using Perfins shortly afterwards.



If the Millennium 2000 stamp and 'Personal' Perfins are *excluded* from the analysis, the *most recent* decimal commemorative known with a Perfin are the 20p 'Supermarine Spitfire MK IIA' and the 26p 'Avro Lancaster Mk I' from the 'British Aircraft Designers' issue (*10th June 1997*), both on "SC" (S1210.04M), used by the Metropolitan Borough Council of Salford.

Thirty-four commemorative sets were issued between the start of 1971 and the end of 1975, involving **115** stamps, only **61** of which are known with Perfins. In short, almost half of the 'early' decimal commemoratives are not known with a Perfin, and **four** sets are unrepresented!

Figures correct to *1st January 2019*.

Decimal Commemorative sets from 1971-1975.

1971/01 Ulster '71' Paintings, issued 16th June 1971. {SG881-883}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3p	7½p	9p
					1	0	0
1	T5110.02	TWL	1957-1975	Thomas William Lench Ltd, Birmingham.	3p	---	---

1971/02 Literary Anniversaries, issued 28th July 1971. {SG884-886}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3p	5p	7½p
					7	0	0
1	C5520.01M	C/of/A	1915-1982	Commonwealth of Australia, London WC2.	3p	---	---
2	D0580.01	D.C.	1935-1985	Darlington Corporation.	3p	---	---
3	D2730.01M	D.L.	1915-1975	<i>Two possible users.</i>	3p	---	---
4	F0012.01M	F	1920-1975	Freemans Ltd, London SW11.	3p	---	---
5	H6730.02	HS/L ^d	1950-1990	<i>Two possible users.</i>	3p	---	---
6	T0770.01M	T.C	1905-1974	Todmorden BC, Yorks.	3p	---	---
7	Des0540.01M	Diamond	1930-1975	Lunt Bros Ltd, Stourbridge.	3p	---	---

1971/03 British Anniversaries, issued 25th August 1971. (SG887-889).



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3p	7½p	9p
					6	0	1
1	B0230.04	BASS	1905-1990	Bass, Ratcliff & Gretton Ltd, Burton-on-Trent.	3p	---	---
2	B1110.05M	BC	1900-1995	Burnley Corporation, Burnley, Yorks.	3p	---	---
3	B5820.01	BP/M	1954-1980	Bridgend Paper Mills Ltd, Bridgend, Glam.	3p	---	9p
4	E4360.01M	ES/L ^{td} .	1920-1980	E Robertson & Co, Bradford, Yorks.	3p	---	---
5	T0770.01M	T.C	1905-1974	Todmorden BC, Yorkshire.	3p	---	---
6	W0014.08M	W	1945-1980	W D & H O Wills, Cigarette Mfrs, Bristol.	3p	---	---

1971/04 British Architecture (Modern ...), issued 22nd September 1971. {SG890-893}.



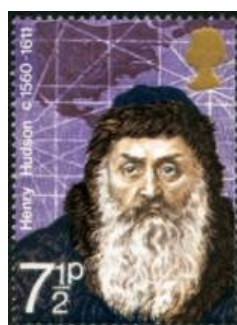
	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3p	5p	7½p	9p
					4	1	1	1
1	A2220.01	A.F.	1936-1980	Appleby-Frodingham Steel Co Ltd, Scunthorpe.	3p	---	---	---
2	B5820.01	BP/M	1954-1980	Bridgend Paper Mills Ltd, Bridgend.	3p	---	---	---
3	C1250.02M	CC/C	1903-1980	Carron Co, Ironfounders, Carron, Nr Falkirk.	3p	---	---	---
4	D2730.01M	D.L.	1915-1975	Dorman Long & Co Ltd.	3p	---	---	---
5	E4360.01M	ES/L ^{td} .	1920-1980	E Robertson & Co, Bradford, Yorks.	---	5p	---	---
6	S2630.01	SEP/.S	1964-1984	Security Endorsement & Perfin Society of GB.	---	---	---	9p
7	S6440.10M	S&S	1957-1975	Shaw & Son Ltd, Law Printers, London EC4.	---	---	7½p	---

1971/05 Christmas (1971), issued 13th October 1971. {SG894-896}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	2½p	3p	7½p
					13	8	2
1	A5800.02M	AWG	1941-1975	A W Gamage Ltd, London EC1.	---	3p	7½p
2	B1110.12M	BC	1905-1974	Birkenhead Corporation.	2½p	---	---
3	B1150.01M	B.C.	1961-1985	County Borough of Barrow-in-Furness.	2½p	---	---
4	B5820.01	BP/M	1954-1980	Bridgend Paper Mills Ltd, Bridgend.	2½p	3p	---
5	B7060.02M	B.T	1903-1975	Ø Bridgewater Trustees, Manchester.	2½p	3p	---
6	C1250.02M	CC/C	1903-1980	Carron Co, Ironfounders, Carron, Nr Falkirk.	---	3p	---
7	D0580.01	D.C.	1935-1985	Darlington Corporation.	2½p	---	---
8	D0720.01	D.C./F.B.	1952-1985	Durham County Fire Brigade, Durham.	2½p	---	---
9	D2730.01M	D.L.	1915-1975	Dorman Long & Co Ltd, Steel Mfrs.	2½p	3p	---
10	H0012.11	H	1918-1980	<i>Multiple users.</i>	2½p	3p	---
11	I1510.01M	IL	1935-1985	Ilford Ltd, Ilford, Essex.	2½p	---	---
12	L2290.01a	LF/O	1915-1972	Ø Law Fire Insurance Society Ltd, London WC2.	---	3p	---
13	P1020.02M	PC/L	1915-1985	Price's Patent Candle Co Ltd, Battersea - SW.	2½p	---	---
14	S0590.01f	SB/C	1965-1975	<i>User unknown.</i>	---	3p	---
15	S6440.10M	S&S	1957-1975	Shaw & Son Ltd, Law Printers, London EC4.	2½p	---	7½p
16	S6490.01M	S.S/C	1926-1990	South Shields County Borough.	2½p	---	---
17	W8105.01	W.W/L	1952-1975	Wilkinson & Warburton Ltd, Leeds.	2½p	---	---

1972/01 British Polar Explorers, issued 16th February 1972. {SG897-900}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3p	5p	7½p	9p
					2	2	0	0
1	E4170.01	ES/&/AR	1962-1975	Ø E S & A Robinson Ltd, Bristol.	3p	5p	---	---
2	F0220.05	F.B	1957-1985	Thomas Firth & John Brown Ltd.	---	5p	---	---
3	P3610.02M	PP	1960-1995	Preston County Borough Corp'n.	3p	---	---	---

1972/02 Anniversaries, issued 26th April 1972. {SG901-903}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3p	7½p	9p
					5	0	1
1	B1110.12M	BC	1905-1974	Birkenhead Corporation.	3p	---	---
2	D0580.01	D.C.	1935-1985	Darlington Corporation.	3p	---	---
3	F0012.01M	F	1920-1975	Freemans Ltd, Mail Order Co, London SW.	3p	---	---
4	R0017.01	R	1975-1990	Ron Harris, Bury St Edmunds - see note below!	3p	---	---
5	S2630.01	SEP/./S	1964-1984	Security Endorsement & Perfin Society of GB.	---	---	9p
6	S6490.01M	S.S/C	1926-1990	South Shields County Borough.	3p	---	---

Note!

The large, 17-pin "R" Perfin catalogued as R0017.01, seems to have been used 'retrospectively' on a good many stamps. Stamps often have Bury St Edmunds postmarks, although Mersea, (Colchester), and London have also been reported. Ron Harris used this as his 'personal' Perfin until his death in 1990. The latest known dated example is for 1st November 1986.

1972/03 British Architecture (Village Churches), issued 21st June 1972. {SG904-908}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3p	4p	5p	7½p	9p
					3	0	1	0	0
1	B5820.01	BP/M	1954-1980	Bridgend Paper Mills Ltd.	3p	---	---	---	---
2	P0210.01M	PAL/L	1910-1980	The Provident Association of ...	3p	---	---	---	---
3	S6490.01M	S.S/C	1926-1990	South Shields County Borough.	3p	---	5p	---	---

1972/04 Broadcasting Anniversaries, issued 13th September 1972. {SG909-912}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3p	5p	7½p	9p
					3	4	0	1
1	D0580.01	D.C.	1935-1985	Darlington Corporation.	---	5p	---	---
2	D2260.02aM	DHE	1925-1980	D H Evans & Co Ltd, London W1.	---	5p	---	---
3	F0220.05	F.B	1957-1985	Thomas Firth & John Brown Ltd, Sheffield.	---	5p	---	---
4	F3600.01M	FR/Y	1960-1985	J S Fry & Sons Ltd, Chocolate Mfrs, Bristol.	3p	---	---	---
5	O1460.01M	O.O./L	1928-1975	Owen Owen Ltd, Liverpool.	3p	---	---	---
6	S2630.01	SEP./S	1964-1984	Security Endorsement & Perfin Society.	3p	---	---	9p
7	T0220.01	T/A/N	1960-1977	Thompson Newspapers South Africa ...	---	5p	---	---

1972/05 Christmas (1972), issued 18th October 1972. {SG913-915}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	2½p	3p	7½p
					5	2	0
1	B1110.12M	BC	1905-1974	Birkenhead Corporation.	2½p	---	---
2	B1200.01M	BC/BC	1960-1985	Bury County Borough Corporation.	2½p	---	---
3	C0011.04M	C	1890-1975	Newcastle Chronicle Ltd, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.	---	3p	---
4	D0580.01	D.C.	1935-1985	Darlington Corporation.	2½p	---	---
5	S0590.01f	SB/C	1965-1975	User unknown.	---	3p	---
6	S2630.01	SEP./S	1964-1984	Security Endorsement & Perfin Society.	2½p	---	---
7	S6490.01M	S.S/C	1926-1990	South Shields County Borough.	2½p	---	---

1972/06 Royal Silver Wedding, issued 20th November 1972. {SG916-917}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3p	20p
					4	1
1	C0020.01M	C/..	1965-date	Personal Perfin.	3p	---
2	D2730.01M	D.L.	1915-1975	Dorman Long & Co Ltd, Steel Mfrs.	3p	---
3	H0012.11	H	1918-1980	<i>Multiple users.</i>	---	20p
4	S2630.01	SEP/./S	1964-1984	Security Endorsement & Perfin Society.	3p	---
5	U1170.01M	U.L	1903-1996	University of London, London WC1.	3p	---

1973/01 Britain's Entry into European Communities, issued 3rd Jan 1973. {SG919-921}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3p	5p	5p
					3	0	1
1	D0770.03M	DC/L	1965-1990	Durham County Library.	3p	---	---
2	P3500.04	P&O/C ^o .	1945-1977	Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co.	---	---	5p
3	S6490.01M	S.S/C	1926-1990	South Shields County Borough.	3p	---	---
4	T4970.01	T.W./C.	1915-1985	Tunbridge Wells BC.	3p	---	---

1973/02 British Trees (1st Issue), issued 28th February 1973. {SG922}.



Issue not known with a Perfin!

	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	9p
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1973/03 British Explorers, issued 18th April 1973. {SG923-927}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3p	3p	5p	7½p	9p
					0	1	0	0	0
1	M5850.01	MV/C ^o .	1895-1975	Midland Vinegar Co Ltd.	---	3p	---	---	---

1973/04 County Cricket (1873-1973), issued 16th May 1973. {SG928-930}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3p	7½p	9p
					2	0	0
1	B5620.05	B.P.	c1973	<i>User unknown.</i>	3p	---	---
2	O0360.02M	OC	1930-1995	Oxford City & County Borough.	3p	---	---

1973/05 British Paintings, issued 4th July 1973. {SG931-934}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3p	5p	7½p	9p
					5	1	0	0
1	B1200.01M	BC/BC	1960-1985	Bury County Borough Corporation.	---	5p	---	---
2	D0580.01	D.C.	1935-1985	Darlington Corporation.	3p	---	---	---
3	E4360.01M	ES/L ^{td} .	1920-1980	Empire Stores Ltd.	3p	---	---	---
4	L1330.02	LCT	1964-1980	Leicester City Transport.	3p	---	---	---
5	P0210.01M	PAL/L	1910-1980	The Provident Association of ...	3p	---	---	---
6	P3500.04	P&O/C ^o .	1945-1977	Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co.	3p	---	---	---

1973/06 400th Anniversary - birth of Indigo Jones, issued 15th August 1973. {SG935-938}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3p	3p	5p	5p
					2	2	0	1
1	D0580.01	D.C.	1935-1985	Darlington Corporation.	---	3p	---	---
2	I1510.01M	IL	1935-1985	Ilford Ltd, Ilford, Essex.	---	---	---	5p
3	M5860.01M	M.V/C ^o .	1895-1975	Midland Vinegar Co Ltd.	---	3p	---	---
4	P3500.04	P&O/C ^o .	1945-1977	P & O Steam Navigation Co.	3p	---	---	---
5	S6490.01M	S.S/C	1926-1990	South Shields County Borough.	3p	---	---	---

1973/07 19th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, issued 12th Sep 1973.
{SG939-940}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	8p	10p
					1	1
1	R1110.01M	RC ^o /Y	1937-1985	Rowntree & Co Ltd, York	---	10p
2	W8230.01M	W.W./&S.	1957-1975	Williams & Son, Trimmings Mfrs, London.	8p	---

1973/08 Royal Wedding, issued 14th Nov 1973. {SG941-942}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3½p	20p
					2	1
1	C7140.01M	CS/L/SA	1920-1975	Civil Service Supply Association Ltd.	---	20p
2	D0580.01	D.C.	1935-1985	Darlington Corporation.	3½p	---
3	P0210.01M	PAL/L	1910-1980	The Provident Association of ...	3½p	---

1973/09 Christmas (1973), issued 28th November 1973. {SG943-948}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3p SG943	3p	3p SG945	3p	3p	3½p
					1	0	2	0	0	4
1	E4360.01M	ES/L ^{td} .	1920-1980	Empire Stores Ltd.	---	---	---	---	---	3½p
2	S0590.01M	SB/C	1941-1990	<i>Multiple users.</i>	3p	---	3p	---	---	3½p
3	S0590.01f	SB/C	1965-1975	<i>User unknown.</i>	---	---	---	---	---	3½p
4	S1210.01M	SC	1941-2006	<i>Multiple users.</i>	---	---	3p	---	---	---
5	W4370.01M	WILLS	1954-1985	WD & HO Wills, Bristol 3.	---	---	---	---	---	3½p

1974/01 British Trees (2nd Issue), issued 27th February 1974. {SG949}.



Issue not known with a Perfin!

	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	10p
					0
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1974/02 Bicentenary of the Fire Prevention (Metropolis) Act, issued 24th April 1974. {SG950-953}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3½p	5½p	8p	10p
					3	0	0	0
1	E4170.02b	ES/&/AR	1940-1975	E S & A Robinson, Bristol.	3½p	---	---	---
2	S6490.01M	S.S/C	1926-1990	South Shields County Borough.	3½p	---	---	---
3	U1170.01M	U.L	1903-1996	University of London, London WC1.	3½p	---	---	---

1974/03 Centenary of Universal Postal Union, issued 12th June 1974. {SG954-957}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3½p	5½p	8p	10p
					7	1	0	0
1	B5820.01	BP/M	1954-1980	Bridgend Paper Mills Ltd, Bridgend.	3½p	---	---	---
2	F0012.01M	F	1920-1975	Freemans Ltd, London SW.	3½p	---	---	---
3	I1510.01M	IL	1935-1985	Ilford Ltd, Ilford, Essex.	3½p	---	---	---
4	S2630.01	SEP./S	1964-1984	Security Endorsement & Perfin Society.	3½p	5½p	---	---
5	S6490.01M	S.S/C	1926-1990	South Shields County Borough.	3½p	---	---	---
6	U1170.01M	U.L	1903-1996	University of London, London WC1.	3½p	---	---	---
7	W8105.01	W.W/L	1952-1975	Wilkinson & Warburton Ltd, Leeds.	3½p	---	---	---

1974/04 Medieval Warriors, issued 10th July 1974. {SG958-961}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	4½p	5½p	8p	10p
					3	1	0	0
1	H6310.01a	HS	1974-1990	Surrey AHA, Farnborough.	---	5½p	---	---
2	R0017.01	R	1975-1990	Ron Harris, Bury St Edmunds.	4½p	---	---	---
3	S1210.04M	SC	1886-1996	Salford CBC.	4½p	---	---	---
4	S2630.01	SEP/.S	1964-1984	Security Endorsement & Perfin Society.	4½p	---	---	---

1974/05 Birth Centenary of Sir Winston Churchill, issued 9th October 1974. {SG962-965}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	4½p	5½p	8p	10p
					5	1	1	0
1	C0011.04M	C	1890-1975	Newcastle Chronicle Ltd.	4½p	---	---	---
2	C1250.02M	CC/C	1903-1980	Carron Co, Ironfounders, Carron, Falkirk.	4½p	---	---	---
3	O0360.02M	OC	1930-1995	Oxford City & County Borough.	4½p	---	---	---
4	S2630.01	SEP/.S	1964-1984	Security Endorsement & Perfin Society.	4½p	5½p	8p	---
5	U1170.01M	U.L	1903-1996	University of London, London WC1.	4½p	---	---	---

1974/06 Christmas (1974), issued 27th November 1974. {SG966-969}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	3½p	4½p	8p	10p
					3	10	0	2
1	B3300.01	BH/C	1957-1975	Burnley & District HMC.	3½p	---	---	---
2	C0011.04M	C	1890-1975	Newcastle Chronicle Ltd.	---	4½p	---	---
3	C1250.02M	CC/C	1903-1980	Carron Co, Ironfounders, Carron, Falkirk.	---	4½p	---	---
4	C5957.01	CPD	c1974	<i>User unknown.</i>	---	4½p	---	---
5	D2260.02aM	DHE	1925-1980	D H Evans & Co Ltd, London W1.	---	4½p	---	---
6	F0012.01M	F	1920-1975	Freemans Ltd, Mail Order Co, London SW.	---	4½p	---	---
7	H0012.11	H	1918-1980	<i>Multiple users.</i>	---	---	---	10p
8	H6310.01a	HS	1974-1990	Surrey AHA, Farnborough.	---	---	---	10p
9	I2520.01	IT/C ^o	1954-1990	Imperial Tobacco Co ...	---	4½p	---	---
10	L1330.02	LCT	1964-1980	Leicester City Transport.	3½p	---	---	---
11	S0590.01f	SB/C	1965-1975	<i>User unknown.</i>	3½p	4½p	---	---
12	T5110.02	TWL	1957-1975	Thomas William Lench Ltd, Birmingham.	---	4½p	---	---
13	W0014.08M	W	1945-1980	W D & H O Wills, Bristol.	---	4½p	---	---
14	W2940.01M	W/G	1935-1985	The Western Gazette Co Ltd.	---	4½p	---	---

1975/01 Health and Handicap Funds, issued 22nd January 1975. {SG970}.



Issue not known with a Perfin!

	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	4½p + 1½p
					0
1					---

1975/02 Birth Centenary of J M W Turner, issued 19th February 1975. {SG971-974}.



Issue not known with a Perfin!

	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	4½p	5½p	8p	10p
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1					---	---	---	---

1975/03 European Architectural Heritage Year, issued 23rd April 1975. {SG975-979}.



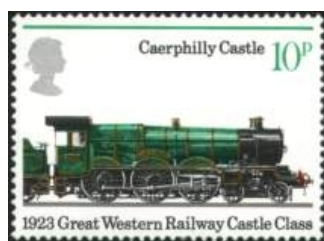
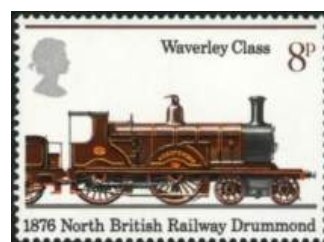
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					2	2	0	0	0
1	E4360.01M	ES/L ^{td} .	1920-1980	Empire Stores Ltd.	---	7p	---	---	---
2	N2955.01	NSD/1975	1975	National Stamp Day - 1975.	7p	7p	---	---	---
3	S1210.04M	SC	1886-1996	Salford CBC.	7p	---	---	---	---

1975/04 Sailing, issued 11th June 1975. {SG980-983}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	7p	8p	10p	12p
					1	0	0	0
1	P3500.04	P&O/C ^o .	1945-1977	P & O Steam Navigation Co.	7p	---	---	---

1975/05 150th Anniversary of Public Railways, issued 13th August 1975. {SG984-987}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	7p	8p	10p	12p
					1	0	2	0
1	P0210.01M	PAL/L	1910-1980	The Provident Association of ...	7p	---	---	---
2	F1870.01	FH&P	1895-1978	Field, Hawkins & Pauling, Wallingford.	---	---	10p	---
3	I1510.01M	IL	1935-1985	Ilford Ltd, Ilford, Essex.	---	---	10p	---

1975/06 62nd Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference, issued 3rd September 1975. {SG988}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	12p
					1
1	W0014.08M	W	1945-1980	W D & H O Wills, Bristol.	12p

1975/07 Birth Centenary of Jane Austen, issued 22nd October 1975. {SG989-992}.



	Cat No	Letters	In use	User	8½p	10p	11p	13p
					1	1	0	0
1	B5820.01	BP/M	1954-1980	Bridgend Paper Mills Ltd, Glam.	---	10p	---	---
2	I1510.01M	IL	1935-1985	Ilford Ltd, Ilford, Essex.	8½p	---	---	---

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1	E4170.02b	ES/&/AR	1940-1975	E S & A Robinson, Bristol.	6½p	---	---	---
2	G1540.01M	GE/C	1908-1993	The General Electric Co Ltd.	---	8½p	---	---
3	H0012.11	H	1918-1980	Multiple users.	6½p	---	---	---
4	P0210.01M	PAL/L	1910-1980	The Provident Association of ...	---	8½p	---	---
5	S6490.01M	S.S/C	1926-1990	South Shields County Borough.	6½p	---	---	---